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In response to the action mailed November 30, 2005 from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Examiner has:

- 1) held the Appeal Brief of January 4, 2005 defective,
- 2) received a substitute Appeal Brief from the applicant on 12/08/2005 that is in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37,
- 3) considered the substitute Appeal Brief received 12/08/2005, vacated the Examiner's Answer mailed 3/22/2005, and issued a new Examiner's Answer (mailed separately from this paper) in accordance with new rules,
- 4) considered applicant's IDS received 8/26/2005 (see Examiner's action mailed 12/6/2005)

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